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The Victoria Prices Current, AND SHIPPING LIST.

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No. 3.

MARKE AND GENERAL REPORT.

Since our last issue no improvement has taken place in the trade and commerce of the port.

As is usual at this festive season there is more activity amongst retail dealers, but with the wholesale merchants stocks continue large with little or no demand, and those who can hold are determined to do so rather than submit to a sacrifice.

Although we have been and still are passing through a period of unusual commercial depression, yet we believe there is good hope for the future and "a good time coming." The newly discovered gold fields at Big Bend, on the Columbia river, may be said to be an established fact. Should these mines prove to be even within fifty per cent. of what is credibly reported of them in richness, and our government institute promptly an efficient system of steam and postal communication, this will go far to dispel the present commercial gloom and depression, and give a new and more healthy stimulus to our trade and commerce.

With all the present outcry of "bad times," nothing has happened to us but what is common to all new colonies; and experience, that severe but most wholesome instructor, is now applying to the country at large those lessons which will ultimately, and we believe is now, laying the foundation of our future prosperity at no distant date.

FLOUR—\$8.25 @ \$9. The arrival of Flour by the "Narramissic," will add to present stocks, which are plentiful, over 1000 barrels.

LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—Savannah, sailed 27th August.
do. Princess Royal, sailed 2d.

From Liverpool—Eastern Chief, loading.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

Dec 7.—Boat Harriet, Dirk, San Juan
Stmr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Dec 8.—Sloop Ringleader, Harper, Nanaimo
Sloop Ocean Queen, Watkinson, Cowichan
Dec 9.—Stmr Diana, Wright, Nanaimo
Stmr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Ship Kent, Nantucket, Glasgow
Dec 11.—Sloop Northern Light, Mountfort, Pt. Angelos

Schr Flying Mist, Thompson, New Westminster
Schr Industry, Carlton, Nanaimo
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Schr J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Dec 12.—Schr Goldstream, Hewitt, Queen Charlotte Island

Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Dec 13.—Schr Active, Thorn, Astoria
Sloop Alexis, Odin, New Westminster
Bt Harriett, Dirk, San Juan

Dec 14.—Schr A. J. Wester, Mills, Port Angelos
Sloop Ocean Queen, Maklins, Cowichan
Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo

Schr Thames, Blown, Barclay Sound
Stmr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Dec 18.—Schr Discovery, Rüdlin, Nanaimo
Stmr Otter, Swanson, Port Angelos

Schr Meg Merrilles, Pamphlete, Nanaimo
Schr Brant, Francis, New Westminster
Stmr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Dec 22.—Schr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos

Stmr Diana Wright, Burrard's Inlet
Dec. 20.—Schr Thornton, Warren, New Westminster

Schr Amelia, Oendall, San Juan
Schr Eliza, Middleton, Saanich
Schr G. E. Clancy, Robins, Port Angelos
Dec. 21.—Schr Indian Maid, McIntosh Nanaimo

Schr J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Dec 23.—Stmr Thames, Brown, Nanaimo
Stmr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Schr Fashion, Bagley, Port Angelos
Stmr Diana Wright, Nanaimo
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo

CLEARING.

Dec. 18.—Schr Enterprise, Mount, Westminster	On purchase and sale of Specie,
Schr A. J. Wester, Mills, Port Angelos	Gold Dust and Bullion, 1 "
Stmr Thames, Brown, Burrard's Inlet	On sale of Bills of Exchange, with endorsement, 3 1/2 "
Dec. 19.—Schr Hamley, Patten, Comox	On sale of Bills of Exchange without endorsement, 1 "
Schr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos	For endorsing Bills of Exchange when desired, 2 1/2 "
Dec. 20.—Schr W. B. Naylor, Drake Port Angelos	On sale of produce, &c., from California, Oregon, Washington Territory, and Sandwich Island ports, with guarantee, 7 1/2 "
Schr Annie, Elvin, San Juan	On sale of Merchandise from other ports with guarantee, 10 "
Schr Diana, Wright, Nanaimo	On goods received on consignment and afterwards withdrawn, on invoice cost, 3 1/2 "
Dec. 21.—Schr Indian Maid, McIntosh, Nanaimo	On purchase and shipment of merchandise with funds on hand, on cost and charges, 6 "
Schr Meg Merrilles, Pamphlete, Nanaimo	On purchase and shipment of merchandise without funds, on cost and charges, 7 1/2 "
Schr J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan	For collecting and remitting delay or litigated accounts, 10 "
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster	For collecting freight by vessels from foreign Ports, on amount collected, 6 "
Schr Coofish, Whitford, New Westminster	For collecting General Claims, 6 "
Schr Anne, Elvin, San Juan	For collecting General Average, on the first \$25,000 or any smaller amount, 7 1/2 "
Schr Alarin, Hollins, Nanaimo	For collecting General Average, on any excess over \$20,000, 2 1/2 "
Schr Discovery, Rüdlin, Nanaimo	On purchase or sale of vessels, 2 1/2 "
Dec 8.—Schr Ringleader, Harper, Nanaimo	For entering, clearing, and transacting ship's business, on vessels with cargo or passengers from Foreign Ports, 2 1/2 "
Schr Eliza, Middleton, Chemainus	On vessels under 200 tons register, 8 1/2 00
Schr Ameria, Kendall, Sooke	On vessels of 200 to 300 tons register, 100 00
Schr Meg Merrilles, Pamphlete, Nanaimo	On vessels of 300 to 600 tons register, 150 00
Dec 9.—Schr Shark, Turner, Sooke	On vessels over 600 tons register, 200 00
Ship Countess of Rose, Watson, Port Angelos	For disbursement of vessels by Consignees, with funds on hand, 2 1/2 per cent.
Dec. 11.—Stmr Otter, Swanson, Port Angelos	For do. without do., 5 "
Schr Northern Light, Mountfort, Port Angelos	For procuring freight or passengers, 5 "
Canoe White, San Juan	For chartering vessels, on amount of freight, actual or estimated to be considered as due when the charter parties or a memorandum of those conditions, &c., are signed, 6 "
Stmr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster	On giving bonds for vessels under attachment in litigated cases, on amount of liability, 2 1/2 "
Schr Bias & Diamond, McUllich, Nanaimo	For landing and re-shipment of goods from vessels in distress, on Invoice value, or in its absence, on market value, 6 "
Schr J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan	For receiving and forwarding goods, on Invoice amount, 2 1/2 "
Dec. 12.—Schr Eliza Anderson, Finch Port Angeles	For advancing freight, 5 "
Schr Matilda, Gilbert, Burrard's Inlet	For effecting Marine Insurance, on amount insured, 6 "
Schr Sweepstakes, Käller, Comox	The foregoing Commissions to be exclusive of Brokerage and every charge actually incurred.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London, 60 days, \$5.00—£1 sterling.
do. 30 days, 5.05—do.
do. 3 days, 5.10—do.
do. on demand, 5.15—do.
San Francisco, 1 per cent. premium.
Canada and New Brunswick, 4 per cent. premium.
Nova Scotia, 2 1/2 per cent. premium.
New York, 4 per cent. premium.

HARBOUR DUES.

The undermentioned Harbour Dues are now collected at this Port;
For every Invoice of the Value of \$100, or less, 8 1/2 00
For every additional \$100 in value, and for any portion of less value than \$100 over the first \$100, the additional sum of, 0 60
For every Invoice of Potatoes, 5 00
For every Invoice of other Roots or Vegetables, 2 60

Rates of Storage on Merchandise.

STORAGE PER MONTH.

On measurement goods 3/ton or 40 cubits, feet..... \$1.00
On heavy goods 3/ton or 2,000 lbs..... 1.00
Or in either case the amount actually paid, the Consignee to have the option of charging by weight or measurement.
A fraction of a month to be charged as a month.

COMMISSIONS.

Rates of Commission to be charged when no Express Agreement to the contrary exists.
N. B.—The Receipt of Bills of Lading equivalent to receipt of the Goods.
On the purchase of Stocks, Bonds, and all kinds of securities, including the drawing of Bills for payment of same, 2 1/2 per cent.
On sale of Stocks, Bonds, and all kinds of securities, including remittances in bills and guarantees, 2 1/2 "
Total 2890 5
Nanaimo, V. I. 30th Nov 1865.

